

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the invention entitled "AMPLIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS," which is described and claimed in the specification and claims of C-I-P Application No. 08/758,662, which we filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 2, 1996, and for which a patent is sought; and that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier-filed Application No. 08/564,653, entitled "AMPLIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS," which we filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 29, 1995.

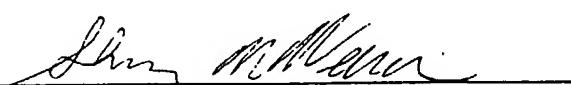
We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including material information which occurred between the filing date of said earlier-filed pending application and the filing date of the C-I-P application.

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